

Paper No. 1563  
Disposes of  
Paper No. 1547

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST  
SITTING AT TOKYO, JAPAN

Case No. I

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al ) ORDER  
  ) GRANTING THE WITHDRAWAL  
  ) FROM THE FILES OF THE  
- vs -                                  ) TRIBUNAL OF COURT EXHIBITS  
  ) NOS. 2651, 2652 and 2654  
ARAKI, Sadao, et al                  ) FOR IDENTIFICATION ONLY

This matter coming on to be heard this 17th day of February, 1948, before the Honorable Sir William Webb, President of the Tribunal, upon the application of Ben Bruce Blakeney, one of the counsel for the Defense in the above entitled cause for leave to withdraw from the files of the Tribunal certain documents, to wit: Exhibits Nos. 2651, 2652 and 2654 for Identification Only, said documents being fully described in the application which is Paper No. 1547, for the purpose of returning them to the source from which they were obtained, and the Tribunal having heard the statements and arguments of counsel for the Defense and being fully advised in the premises, and the Prosecution having failed to appear at the hearing on said application or interpose any objection to the granting of the prayer thereof,

And it appearing to the Tribunal that said documents have served their purpose and no substantial injustice will result to either the Prosecution, the Accused or any of them by the withdrawal of said documents and the return thereof

to the source from which they were obtained;

And it further appearing that excerpts from said documents were offered and received in evidence by the Tribunal in this case, it is

ORDERED: That said application be and it hereby is granted and that Exhibit No. 2651 for Identification Only, Exhibit No. 2652 for Identification Only, and Exhibit No. 2654 for Identification Only be withdrawn from the files of the Tribunal forthwith and delivered by the Clerk of the Tribunal to Ben Bruce Blakeney, to be delivered by him to the source from which they were obtained, upon the express term and condition, however, that they be returned to the Clerk of the Tribunal, immediately upon notice being given that they are required by the Tribunal, the Prosecution or the Defense, for the purposes of this trial; and it is further

ORDERED: That any and all excerpts or parts of said Exhibits Nos. 2651 for Identification Only, 2652 for Identification Only and 2654 for Identification Only, which have been received in evidence in this case and marked as exhibits, shall remain in the files of the Tribunal and their status shall in no way be affected by this order.

BY THE TRIBUNAL:

(signed) W. F. Webb  
PRESIDENT